AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

Similarly, the timer Timer_Status_Periodic expires at t_0+300. Again, the receiver is triggered to output a status report with exactly the same content as before. Therefore, the sender receives the status report and determines that it includes an erroneous sequence number at t_0+300. When the RESET PDU is scheduled to be transferred at t_0+300, the state variable VT(RST) is increased by 1, and stores 4 at t_0+300. At this time, the state variable VT(RST) stores a value equaling the protocol parameter MaxRST. Therefore, the sender indicates an unrecoverable error to the upper layers at t_0+300, and the radio bearer is accordingly released ~~released~~. Please note that the sender originally permits the receiver to respond the RESET ACK PDU within 3*700ms. If the receiver can respond the RESET ACK PDU before $t_0+3*700$ ms, the sender will be able to restart data transmission between the sender and the receiver. However, the timer Timer_Status_Periodic triggers the receiver to respond the unexpected status reports, and an unrecoverable error is indicated to the upper layers earlier than the expected $t_0+3*700$ at the sender. It is possible that the receiver responds the RESET ACK PDU after t_0+300. However, an unrecoverable error has been reported to upper layers prematurely to release the radio bearer according to the prior art reset procedure. That is, the operation of the timer Timer_Status_Periodic impedes the correct functionality of the defined protocol parameter MaxRST.

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